

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 742

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joshua Lucas Ivens,  
2008 Salutatorian of Maryville Christian School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Lucas Ivens is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2008 graduating class at Maryville Christian School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Ivens has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Joshua has earned an exemplary 4.32 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous other accolades, including recognition as a Sports Quest First Team All-American, an Association of Christian Schools International Distinguished Student, a four-year Honor Roll student, and a recipient of the Agape Award, History Award, and Bible Award; and

WHEREAS, Joshua is also an extremely talented athlete, and his performance on the school basketball and soccer teams, both of which he led as Captain, garnered him acclaim as an All-Tournament player in both sports, as the Blount County Player of the Week in basketball, and as a four-year letterman on both teams; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Mr. Ivens has been a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mercy Matters, Habitat for Humanity, the Children's Advocacy Group, and the Foothills Fall Festival; he also has volunteered his time to read to elementary school students; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Ivens' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Joshua's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Garry and Pam Ivens, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ivens' dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Maryville Christian School Salutatorian, Joshua Lucas Ivens, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.